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Message: Your message to the Governor: Budget
April 24, 2012

The Honorable Christine Gregoire
Governor of the State of Washington
PO Box 40002
Olympia, Washington 98504-0002

RE: Request for a Partial Veto of Sections 2 and 4 of ESHB 2823.

Dear Governor Gregoire,

Thank you for your exceptional service to the State of Washington. Your leadership in helping to end the 2012 legislative is also appreciated.

On behalf of the City of Kirkland, I am writing to express our concerns with two sections of ESHB 2823, Redirecting existing state revenues into the general fund.

Specifically, we request a veto of Section 4 of ESHB 2823, which permanently redirects \$10 million per year from liquor excise taxes into the state's general fund. This shift nullifies the \$10 million increase in liquor revolving fund distributions from Initiative 1183. Cities have historically relied on liquor revenues, which have been shared for over 70 years, due to the impacts of alcohol consumption on public safety and health costs at the local level. Those impacts will not be going away. In the City of Kirkland, the number of licensed liquor retailers is projected to increase from 3 to over 21. These projections raise a real concern that the impacts of alcohol consumption will increase with the passage of Initiative 1183.

We support and appreciate the proviso included in Sections 101 and 102 of 3ESHB 2127, the supplemental operating budget. These sections establish and direct a joint select committee to review the impact of Initiative 1183 on public safety needs and provide a sustainable plan for utilizing excess liquor revenues. Similar to the AWC, we believe it is premature to redirect liquor revenues beyond this biennium until this effort concludes.

In addition, we request a veto of Section 2 of ESHB 2823, which redirects all of the solid waste tax (RCW 82.18.040) to the general fund through 2015 and one-half of the solid waste tax to the general fund from 2016 through 2018. The result being over \$200 million in reduced funding to the Public Works Assistance Account, which has historically helped provide funding to build and maintain city infrastructure and provide jobs.

Cities expected to be part of the state's budget solution in this fiscal crisis, with the goal that any cuts be temporary. In January, at the AWC's Legislative Action Conference you commented that you would consider making any cuts to local governments temporary rather than permanent. We appreciated and were encouraged by your perspective in this regard.

Thank you for your consideration of a partial veto of Sections 2 and 4 of ESHB 2823. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Lorrie McKay, Intergovernmental Relations Manger at 206-587-3009.

Sincerely,
KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL
By Joan McBride, Mayor

Referral Date: April 25, 2012

Due Back:

Send Questions
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While I sympathize with the marina owners who have requested that this preferential language be placed in the budget, it is a short-term fix to a problem which affects many of us, and deserves an equitable long-term solution. I am aware that DNR has worked with stakeholders for a number of years to craft an acceptable solution. I ask that you veto this budget proviso, and direct DNR to work directly with marinas and other affected parties over the interim, to craft a better solution that does more than benefit six marinas for one year.

Sincerely,

Dwight Jones
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While it might provide temporary relief for a few marinas in Tacoma and on the San Juan Islands for one-year, it only "kicks the can down the road" in solving the problem of how rent is inequitably applied to those of us who lease aquatic lands from DNR. I realize this issue has been worked on for some time. While many of us may not have been happy with SB 5550 which addressed this issue in the last biennium, at least it was debated in the open and not stuck in the budget in the last minute without input.

I am asking you to veto this section of the budget and ask Commissioner Goldmark and the Department of Natural Resources, to reopen discussions with stakeholders, to come up with a better solution over the next few months, which the legislature can take up in the next session.

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April 16, 2012

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Dear Governor Gregoire:

I am requesting that you veto Section 308 (12) (a) (see below) of the Supplemental Operating Budget, 3ESHB 2127 that recently passed the Legislature. This section requires the Department of Natural Resources to "promptly redetermine annual rent" for marinas that meet a very specific definition.

The section should be vetoed for several reasons, including:

- having a potentially negative impact on the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA);
- providing a beneficial procedure to a very limited number of marinas that is not available to all the marinas falling outside of the very narrow definition;
- making determinations on annual rent for a select few marinas and not providing the needed comprehensive review of the current antiquated rent system.

As Chair of the House Capital Budget Committee, I am very concerned about the impact on ALEA that would result from implementation of Sec. 308 (12) (a). The Legislature created ALEA in 1984 to ensure that revenue generated from state-owned aquatic lands leases would be used to help restore aquatic lands and the environment. In the Capital Budget we have been able to fund projects such as restoring shorelines for salmon habitat, removal of bulkheads, restoring estuaries, etc. As you know, there is no shortage of work that needs to be done.

I understand that the existing leasing system has problems and is considered out of date and probably should go to a market-based system. However, Sec. 308 (12) (a) is not the answer and should be vetoed. A comprehensive review of the marina lease system should be undertaken to ensure the health of ALEA and aquatic land restoration and fairness to all marinas in all parts of Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hans Dunshee".

Representative Hans Dunshee
44th Legislative District



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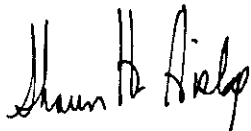
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